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LOK SABHA

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SUBMERSION OF SANGAMESWARA TEMPLE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the centuries old Sangameswara Temple in Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh is facing permanent submersion as reported in 'The Hindu' dated December 26, 2004;

(b)if so, the facts thereof; and

(c)the steps being taken by the Government to protect the Sangameswara Temple?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE(SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)No, Sir.

(b)The Rupala Sangameswara Temple at B. Tandrapadu, Kurnool Taluk, Kurnool District was reconstructed by the State Government during Srisailam Project. It is not protected by the Archaeological Survey of India and is not facing any submersion.

Another temple called Kudali Sangameswara in District Mahaboobnagar was transplanted to safer elevation by the Archaeological Survey of India as it was liable to submersion due to the construction of Srisailam project. The dismantling of this temple was started in the year 1979 and was transplanted to the west of Navabrahma Group of temples, Alampur in Mehboobnagar District. The reconstruction was completed in the year 1989.

(c)The State Government has constructed a protection wall along the left bank of the river Tungabadra near the group of temples at Alampur, so that the flood water does not inundate the Group of Temples.